

TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022

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I want to make a request for my wage increase that was discussed at the board meeting when I was hired. The board said I was able to bring it back after my 100 days, so here is my request.

For the month of October, the mechanics have changed two fuel pumps which takes about 1 week to complete, it takes about 3 days just to drain. The shop has 55 work orders. I need all walk around completed every Friday from maintenance and food service if any findings write work orders, so if something is wrong it can be fixed before great costs and down time happens. The security vehicle is back in the shop with an accident repair, I don't really know what happened, the driver never sent me a report ,2nd time in 3 months with an incident. The new charter should be here sometime this week, we have one of the charters that's been at Als diesel in Cut Bank for about a month, and the other charter is in Great Falls at I-state waiting on parts these two buses are old n have a lot of milage when they were purchased, they both had over a half million miles on both MCI charters this is why I like buying new.

We have had some people interested in driving so we gave them study sheets and doing walk arounds with them. Due to this the transportation department has 2 new hires, 1 is already working, and the other waiting for background check I also have 2 more people that came down and are studying to do their tests with walk arounds and getting familiar with a bus before testing.

On October 11, 22 I and Ella attended a meeting with Darryl Omsberg of OPI about the routes that don't have drivers for now, so we don't have to cancel the driverless routs as long as these routes are covered in a timely matter, but this is just a temporary situation till we get the drivers to fill the rosters. Some of the town students are late getting to school, due to shortage of drivers and the last-minute double ups. The ladies in the office have been busy getting five drivers ready for training in Malta on Oct. 20th, 2022, four of the drivers are new, yay. It will help the new drivers follow OPI guidelines. Also getting the TR 1's and TR 2's ready for Darryl, which is our mileage and are due the end of October, so the drivers been busy getting all the route mileage in. Staying on top of the bills.

This month there are a total of 57 trips, overnights, college visits, field trips, and sports. We are doing our best to make sure we can accommodate all trips, and to notify schools to work with us if there are not enough drivers on a day with too many field trips at once. We appreciate the schools working with us to change to a different day.

I want to make a SHOUT OUT!!! To all the Schools, Administrators, and all Board Member, thank you for all you do to help make the Transportation Dept. run smoothly!!!

